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Meet Ann

Ann is a new CIA employee.

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Ann has a personal blog

Where she writes about her current interests
and events in her life



Domestic policy

Foreign affairs

International events

Politics

Travels

Updates on her book

What she's writing for school

Work projects

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She's also a graduate student at a local university

For her class, she's expected to write

A LOT

Academic papers



Presentations



Comments on other students' papers



Blog entries



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For her coursework ...

She has to write on many different topics

Foreign policy

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq

World Events

The current state of intelligence

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But now that she's a CIA employee ...
and signed a secrecy agreement

- She must submit her writings for *prepublication review* before sharing them with anyone else.
- She must also submit Form 879 to the Office of Security –
permission for an outside activity.



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That's where the Publications Review Board (PRB) comes in.

- The PRB derives authority from Agency Regulation 6-2 (AR 6-2) which:

- Provides the guidelines for pre-publication review
- Outlines what **must** be submitted for review



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The prepublication review obligation applies to any written, oral, electronic, or other presentation intended for publication or public dissemination, whether personal or official, that mentions:

- CIA
- Intelligence data or activities
- Material on any subject about which the author has had access to classified information in the course of employment or other contact with the Agency.



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What does publication mean?

Publication means sharing information with anyone outside the agency or with no need to know.

The prepublication review obligation is a lifetime obligation.

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So ... What does Ann need to submit?

Anything that mentions CIA, intelligence data or activities, or material on any subject about which she had access to classified information in the course of employment or other contact with the Agency.

Academic applications

Pamphlets

Academic journal articles

Resumes or biographical information

Books / book reviews

Scholarly papers

Internet blogs

Screenplays

Letters to the editor

Scripts

Letters of recommendation

Speeches

Magazine articles

Testimony

Newspaper columns

Works of fiction

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What does the PRB review for?

Classification

Appropriateness*

*Current staff/contractors only

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What does the PRB review for?

Classification

Ann writes a paper about the intelligence community.

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Could the publication of this information harm national security?

Even though Ann read the information in a publicly-available open source, she cannot repeat it in her paper.

As an employee, she is adding veracity to something that is still classified.

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What does the PRB review for?

Appropriateness

Ann wants to write an op-ed for the newspaper where she strongly advocates a particular policy position.

Could publication of her op-ed opinion reasonably be expected to **impair the author's performance of his or her job duties??**

Because Ann could be seen by her co-workers and supervisors as pushing a particular agenda (instead of being impartial and open to all ideas), she may have difficulty getting her ideas to the forefront.

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What does the PRB review for?

Appropriateness

Ann would like to write an article for a weekly news magazine about CIA's conduct of covert activities.

In the article, she advocates less oversight from Congressional committees to "do the job right."

Could publication of the article **interfere with the authorized functions of the CIA?**

Congress could perceive this article as CIA's view of its relationship with Congress; thus, damaging the Agency's ability to present intelligence to support making policy.

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What does the PRB review for?

Appropriateness

Ann wants to create a series of internet cartoons which lampoon various foreign countries, tout US policy, and champion CIA involvement in their affairs.

Could publication of the cartoons **adversely affect the foreign relations or security of the U.S.?**

These cartoons could damage US relations with other countries, especially if Ann identifies herself as a CIA employee.

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What does the PRB review for?

Ann wants to update her resume with her new job description.

Ann can get much-needed guidance from the resume staff on writing her job description, especially if she's going overseas or under cover.

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The Publications Review Board (PRB) and you



- The PRB is here to help you negotiate legal prepublication requirements that are new to you.
 - Contact us if you are unsure whether or not you need to submit.
 - We are always happy to provide formal or informal guidance.

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